



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Joint
DISTRICTWIDE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
and
DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – March 13, 2006

ATTENDING: B. Appenzeller, J. Austin, S. Beasley, C. Chiriboga, J. Christensen, Z. Close, D. Colli, C. Elder, J. Ford, T. Gilson, R. Johnson, B. Lastimado, D. Low, G. Perri, D. Quittner, S. Rearic, G. Rowbotham, A. Satele, B. Smith, O. Suarez, B. Tiffany, P. White

ABSENT: D. Agosto, M. Golden, F. Gross, J. Scott, P. Setzer, D. Simms

ALSO ATTENDING: K. Brooks, D. Cole, M. Gonzales

RECORDER: P. Tillery

I. Strategic Planning

Darlene Cole distributed and briefly reviewed an *Annual Report and Accomplishments* for the Districtwide Strategic Plan for 2003-04. She explained that the report presents data for the last year of the 2001-04 Districtwide Strategic Plan. Cole said that the Annual Report would be presented to the Governing Board at the March 21 Board meeting.

Cole distributed the District *Environmental Scan* and very briefly reviewed the components of the scan and its uses. She explained that the scan is an integral part of the development of the Districtwide Strategic Plan for 2005-10. She added that the scan would be conducted every six years to re-visit variables, and that an interim review and update would occur every three years.

Discussion followed concerning how the data provided in the Environmental Scan could be used in the educational master planning and strategic planning processes, and the effects on program development, as well as providing direction for the accreditation process. There was also discussion concerning the use of standardized criteria and guidelines for collecting data for the Environmental Scan.

In response to a question concerning how the Environmental Scan would be disseminated, Cole responded that the Scan would be made available at the District's website. Access to the Scan will be password protected. The college presidents will be informed of their college's password. The presidents' offices will make the college password available to their staffs.

Additionally, a suggestion was made that the Scan should be available in the college libraries. Council member Beasley responded that she would place copies in the libraries.

Chancellor Suarez concluded the discussion by indicating that the next steps in the process should be for the college leaders to further develop the college Educational Master Plans, that would in turn drive the District Strategic Planning process.

II. Budget

1. State Budget Update — J. Austin informed the Council that there was no news to report on the State level.

Council member White inquired about a possible State infrastructure bond measure. Austin reported that community colleges are part of the proposed bond measure, but that it is highly weighted in favor of the university systems. He added that a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Nunez is best for the community college system.

2. FTES Task Force Recommendation — Austin distributed a memo and supporting documents concerning the recommendation of the FTES Task Force regarding FTES goals for 2006/07. He explained that the recommendation of the Task Force was that the District's goal should be set at the projected level of Base FTES, and that the colleges' percentages of that projected 18,049 Base should be the same as in this Year's Income Allocation Formula: Cuyamaca 5,533 (30.66%); Grossmont 12,516 (69.34%).

Council member Johnson inquired why there are no student members of the FTES Task Force. Austin responded that the FTES Task Force is an academic planning group, not a shared-governance group, but added that the Task Force reports to the DSP&BC which is a shared-governance group with student members.

Austin continued by discussing the challenge of restoring Base (document "B" of the handout); the 2006 Spring census estimated FTES (document "C" of the handout); and FTES Growth history for the colleges and District, by total Resident FTES (documents "D") and divided in Credit and Noncredit (document "E").

Austin reviewed document "F", *2006-2007 Goal FTES Options*. He explained that the worksheet reflects the FTES Task Force recommendation regarding FTES goals.

3. 2006/07 Funding Challenge – Base Funding — Austin explained that the challenge for 2006/07 funding is determining what level of income should be funded by the Allocation Formula, and whether it is realistic to use the recommended goals to estimate income. Austin distributed and discussed a handout concerning options and parameters for estimating State income in the 2006-07 Tentative Budget:
 - o Attachment I displays the FTES Task Force recommendation;
 - o Attachment II uses options from Attachment I and presents the approximate impact on the Base funding income of the options;
 - o Attachment III uses the same format as Attachments I and II and estimates how the various options would impact the total income provided by the State, and how those totals would compare to the 2005/06 Adoption Budget.

Austin continued the discussion of determining funding levels. He said that the downside of over estimating income could be mid-year budget reductions; the downside of underestimating income would be that colleges could not offer an adequate schedule to enrollments, and meet other needs.

Following discussion, there was consensus to follow the FTES Task recommendation and recognize funding congruent with goals.

4. 2006/07 Tentative Budget Preparation Calendar – The 2006/07 Tentative Budget Preparation Calendar was distributed and reviewed by S. Rearic.

Next Meeting

Council members discussed cancellation of the April 10 meeting due to several members not being available on that date and because of Spring break. It was agreed that the April 10 meeting would be cancelled.

The next meeting of the Council will be Monday, May 8, at 2:00 p.m., in the Museum at Cuyamaca.